

Youth Resource Connections

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Youth Headlines

National Council on Disability (NCD) invites public dialogue on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The NCD Youth Advisory Committee will host three teleconferences and meetings to discuss issues related to implementation of the ADA. The dates are: 4 p.m. EDT, June 13 (teleconference); 4 p.m. EDT, July 24 (meeting); 4 p.m. EDT, September 18 ((teleconference). Place: National Council on Disability, 1331 F Street, NW, Suite 850, Washington, DC. To participate in either the meeting or the conference call, contact: Gerrie Drake Hawkins, Ph.D., Program Specialist, NCD, 1331 F Street NW, Suite 850, Washington, DC 20004; 202-272-2004 (voice), 202-272-2074 (TTY), 202-272-2022 (fax), ghawkins@ncd.gov (e-mail).

Upcoming Events

Come to Workforce Innovation 2002 in Nashville, July 9-11! For details and registration information, visit: <http://www.wi2002.org> or call 1-800-US2-JOBS.

Music Production Peer-to-Peer Workshop. "YO! in the Recording Studio" will be held in Memphis, Tennessee on September 23- 26. Participants will learn and develop skills in music production through a combination of content sessions and hands-on activities. Workshop topics include: music recording equipment, the music recording process, the music production process, recording and production skills, the working with youth in music and independent labels. For more information, contact Anne Stom at 202-693-3377 or astom@doleta.gov.

Learning Link's 3rd Annual Florida's Workforce 2002 - Workforce Summit, October 29-November 1 in Lake Buena Vista Florida. Learning Link is seeking presenters, exhibitors and sponsors for its annual summit to be held at the Wyndham Palace Resort and Spa. For more information, visit: www.learninglink.cc and click on Florida's Workforce 2002.

BIZ EDUCATORS Hosts Training to Teach Youth Entrepreneurship and Financial Literacy. BIZ Educators hosts a "train the trainer" course on empowering youth through entrepreneurship and financial literacy. The training will be held in Nashville, TN on June 26 - 28 and in New York, NY on June 21- 23. For more information, visit: www.YoungBiz.com and click on "BIZ EDUCATORS" and "Growing a Business" or call Brandon Elliott at 888-543-7929 x15.

The Futures Channel Hosts Two Institutes on How to Integrate Math and Literacy into Youth Development Work.

- Scheduled for June 5 in Dekalb County, GA, the "Mathematics and Literacy Institute" will highlight strategies to integrate mathematics and communication arts instruction.
- Scheduled for July 10-11 in Marion, Indiana, the "National Math Trail Institute" will help teachers integrate real-world connections and technology into mathematics instruction, to engage students' interest and develop their problem-solving skills.

The National Math Trail was recently featured in an article on Education World: http://www.education-world.com/a_curr/curr403.shtml. To register for the institute, visit: <http://www.thefutureschannel.com/store/institutes/mathandliteracyregistration.htm>.

Program Spotlight

San Antonio and Detroit Youth Win Grand Prizes in 1st Annual Video-YO! Contest: Over 140 youth produced these videos for the contest with 20 YO! sites represented. The 33 videos submitted were as diverse as the youth we serve. Grand Prize in the General Category: "Therapy: Three Interpretations of a Poem" filmed by Daniel Cervantes, Michael Cervantes, Jesse Medrano, Max Salazar, Diego Chavez, Lisa VeraCruz, Jason Weakley, Christopher Chavez, Luis Castellanos, Angela Martinez, and Jack Sanford of the San Antonio Youth Opportunity program. Taurean Thomas and Alexis Zavela of Detroit YO! took home the Grand Prize for their video "Poison" which presented a compelling view of their community. Selections from the winning videos were shown at the 3rd Year YO! Grantee Conference in Tampa, Florida. For more information, please contact Anne Stom at 202-693-3377.

Burlington County, New Jersey plans to create a job center for local area youth. The local youth career center would serve as a place that is more inviting to local youth, with a focus on employment-related issues. Equipped with ample classroom space, the center would be used to administer job programs for low-income youth and high school dropouts and provide work-readiness skills, such as counsel youth on creating a resume and interviewing for a job. The center is scheduled to be opened by the end of the year. For more information, contact the Workforce Investment Board at (609) 265-5055.

WIA Updates

TEGL 28-01. Program Guidance For Implementation of Comprehensive Youth Services Under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998. This notice provides guidance to states and local areas for Program Year 2002 youth services under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998. To download this notice, visit: http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/pdf/tegl28-01.pdf.

FM 6-02. Revising WIA State Negotiated Levels of Performance Due to Unanticipated Circumstances. This notice provides Regional Offices (ROs) with 1) guidance on revising state negotiated levels of performance, and 2) instructions for reporting to the National Office (NO) the outcomes of the RO review of state requests to revise negotiated levels of performance. To download this notice, visit: http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/pdf/fm6-02.pdf.

TEGL 26-01. Advance Notice of Revised PY 2001 Allotments for Dislocated Worker Activities. This notice provides states an advance notice of a planned determination by the Secretary of Labor on or before June 28, 2002, of revised Program Year (PY) 2001 allotments for the Dislocated Worker program under WIA Title I. The revisions result from the congressional rescission contained in the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2001 (Public Law 107-20). To implement that rescission, the ETA will revise applicable Notices of Obligation (NOO) on or before June 28, 2002. The President has proposed a supplemental appropriation to restore the amount rescinded from the dislocated worker formula program. That proposal is pending before Congress. To download this notice, visit: http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/pdf/tegl26-01.pdf.

TEGL 25-01. Final Planning Allotments for Program Year (PY) 2002 Wagner-Peyser (W-P) Act Basic Labor Exchange Activities and Changes to the Reemployment Services Allotments for PY 2002. This notice provide the final planning allotments for PY 2002 basic labor exchange activities to the states, as required by Section 6(b)(5) of the W-P Act, as amended, and to

announce changes to the Reemployment Services Allotments for PY 2002. To download this notice, visit: http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/pdf/tegl25-01.pdf.

Publications/Reports/Resources

A Progress Report on Fulfilling America's Promise to Americans with Disabilities. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy G. Thompson joined Labor Secretary Elaine Chao, Housing and Urban Development Secretary Mel Martinez, Education Secretary Rod Paige and Office of Personnel Management Director Kay Coles James in highlighting the administration's commitment to the New Freedom Initiative - the President's comprehensive plan to reduce barriers to full community integration for people with disabilities. The administration released a progress report on the accomplishments since the New Freedom Initiative was launched in February 2001. The report also outlines next steps that the administration will take toward meeting the New Freedom goals. To download the report, visit: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/infocus/newfreedom/toc.html>.

Annie E. Casey Foundation National Workforce Policy Newsletter, Issue 27, May 2002.

The Annie E. Casey Foundation's National Workforce Policy Newsletter provides monthly updates on the latest policy action surrounding workforce access, retention, and advancement. In addition, you will continue to receive the quarterly Jobs Initiative Update, which provides information and lessons learned from the Foundation's six-city Jobs Initiative. For more information about the Jobs Initiative and past issues of the National Workforce Policy Newsletter, go to: <http://www.aecf.org/jobsinitiative/>. The Annie E. Casey Foundation Workforce Policy Newsletter is produced by: The Hatcher Group, www.thehatchergroup.com, 340 East West Highway, Suite 912, Bethesda, MD 20814.

"Ten Things Everyone Should Know about Welfare Reform," a primer prepared by the Urban Institute, presents summary information on the welfare caseload, work and earnings, work support programs, poverty and child well-being, family structure and population subgroups. To download this report, visit:

<http://www.urban.org/Template.cfm?Section=Home&NavMenuID=73&Template=/TaggedContent/NewReports.cfm&PublicationID=7692>

The National Consumers League (NCL) Issues "Five Worst Teen Jobs" Report for 2002.

The group compiles the list using government statistics, results from the Child Labor Coalition's annual survey of state labor departments, and news accounts of injuries and deaths. According to NCL, nearly two-thirds of teens aged 14-18 receive most of their money from part-time and neighborhood jobs. To download the report, visit: <http://nclnet.org/childlabor/>.

Child Welfare/Foster Care. The Georgetown University Child Development Center has released an issue brief on the health care needs of children in the foster care system. The brief focuses on critical components that states, communities, and organizations may consider when working with children in foster care. "Framework for a Comprehensive Approach: Critical Components" is available online at: <http://gucdc.georgetown.edu/foster.html>

Safe School Initiative. The Secret Service released a report on the "Prevention of Targeted Violence in Schools." To download the report, visit:

http://www.secretservice.gov/ntac/ntac_ssi_report.pdf.

Funding Opportunities

EDA Seeks Grant Proposals on Role of Institutions of Higher Learning and CBOs/FBOs in Economic Development. Deadline June 19. Through a May 20 FEDERAL REGISTER notice,

the Economic Development Administration (EDA) is inviting proposals for National Technical Assistance, Training, Research and Evaluation in two categories:

- (1) To examine how communities can harness the wealth of intellectual and technical resources of institutions of higher education in local and regional economic development;
- (2) To conduct a demonstration of the role of faith-based and community-based organizations in economic development, that will build on and advance the links between these organizations with the broader economic development needs of a community.

States, subdivision of a state, city, or consortium of political subdivisions are eligible to receive an award under this EDA competition. Indian tribes are also eligible. For more information visit, http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002_register&docid=02-12607-filed.pdf.

National 4-H Council Offers Cooperative Business Plan Awards for Youth.

Deadline: July 3. The National 4-H Council, with support from the Rural Business Cooperative Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, will make five \$2,000 awards for the design of a business plan for a cooperative. The goal of the project is to have youth, in partnership with an adult, write a business plan for a community cooperative. Awardees will not be required to implement the plan; instead, the awards are meant to encourage youth to research cooperatives and learn how to write a business plan for a hypothetical community cooperative. For more information, visit: <http://www.fourhcouncil.edu/programs/category.asp?scatid=178&catid=1&subid=6>

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services announces the availability of \$2.8 million to Fund Youth Violence Prevention. Deadline: June 19. Grants will support 12 to 16 projects to develop and enhance youth violence prevention activities in communities and schools. For more information visit: <http://www.samhsa.gov> or contact Malcolm Gordon at mgordon@samhsa.gov, (301) 443-2957.

Department of Education Announces competition to promote mentoring programs.

Deadline: July 2. The Department of Education will award \$17.5 million in grants for projects that: (1) assist children in receiving support and guidance from a mentor; (2) improve the academic performance of the children; (3) improve interpersonal relationships between the children and their peers, teachers, other adults, and family members; (4) reduce the dropout rate of the children; and (5) reduce the children's juvenile delinquency and involvement in gangs. Eligible applicants are local educational agencies (LEAs); nonprofit, community-based organizations (CBOs), which may include faith-based organizations; and a partnership between an LEA and a CBO. For more information, visit: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002_register&docid=02-13161-filed

Premier Programming Solutions Announces \$1 Million Assistive Software Grant Program For Primary, Secondary Schools. Deadline: June 10. Premier Programming Solutions, a provider of assistive software that gives disabled individuals better access to modern technology, has launched a software grant program aimed at helping primary and secondary schools meet the accessibility needs of students with learning and/or visual disabilities. For details on available software titles, program guidelines, and to apply via the Internet, see the Premier Programming Web site <http://www.premier-programming.com/>

Websites

U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao launches a new teen employment initiative called "Youth Rules!" USDOL and its strategic partners seek to promote positive and safe work experiences for young workers. The website is designed to educate teens, parents, educators, employers and the public on federal and state rules regarding young workers -- the hours youth can work, the jobs youth can do. Visit the website on: <http://www.youthrules.dol.gov/>

Important Dates to Remember

June 26-28. US Department of Health and Human Services hosts the **National YOUTH Summit-By Youth, With Youth, & For Youth**, at the Washington DC Hilton. Go to:

www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/fysb/summit.html for information and online registration.

June 26-28. Youth Network Council – 2002 Midwest Hub Conference, Chicago, Illinois. Denis Murstein. Phone: 312-704-1265

July 9–11. Workforce Innovations 2002 Conference, Nashville, Tennessee. Contact: Gardner Carrick. Phone: 202-693-3689.

July 20-26. Youth Opportunity Grants Leadership Institute, Leesburg, Virginia. Contact: Karen David. Phone: 202-822-6725.

July 27-31. The National Urban League hosts its 2002 Annual Conference in Los Angeles, California and its Youth Summit from July 25 –29. For registration information on the National Urban League 2002 Annual Conference, call 212-558-5385.

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Youth Resource Connections provides important announcements and information for state and local workforce investment boards, youth councils, youth service providers, Youth Opportunity Grant sites, partners, and others interested in youth development.

We welcome your input. Please let us know how these updates might be improved to better serve your needs. If you would like to contribute information, post an inquiry, or suggest topics to cover, please contact Anne Stom (Astom@doleta.gov; 202-693-3377); DeEtta Roberson-Carter (Droberson-Carter@doleta.gov; 202- 693-3610) or Susan Rosenblum (srosenblum@doleta.gov; 202-693-3597).

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